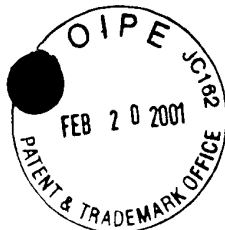


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 4, please insert 7-RELATED APPLICATIONS

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On page 17, line 1, please cancel the word "CLAIMS" and substitute in its place --
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising [a suitable pharmaceutical vehicle and] an element [chosen]selected from the group consisting of: a